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To put new telephone rates into effect, 185,000 subscribers' accounts had to be altered. Here's Miss Beverley McRae, of the Revenue Accounting Department, almost submerged in a sea of bills.



—Photo by Cleland-Kent

A typical summer scene on English Bay, Vancouver.

New Rates



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The duties of revenue accounting and commercial personnel in the field of telephony are perhaps less spectacular than the tasks performed by some other telephone employees, but they are no less important. Following the interim order handed down by the Board of Transport Commissioners on May 29, approving a new schedule of rates for the B. C. Telephone Company, the Commercial and Revenue Accounting Departments were called upon to carry out the greatest project of its kind in the history of the Company—the change-over from old to new rate schedules. Here and on following pages, TELEPHONE TALK pays tribute to the members of these departments and their work in connection with this big undertaking. Pictured above is Eric Mallett, commercial training supervisor, who acted as co-ordinator between the Commercial Department at Vancouver, the district offices and the Revenue Accounting Department, explaining some aspects of the change-over to Miss Anne Munn, left, and Miss Roberta Munro, members of the Commercial Department, Vancouver.



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The Addressograph room of the Revenue Accounting Department was one of the busiest places in the B. C. Telephone Company system after the Board of Transport Commissioners handed down its interim order approving the new schedule of rates for the Company. First task of this staff was the printing of 92,500 work bills which were reproductions of subscribers' accounts in duplicate. From these work bills the billing machine operators made up the subscribers' new bills. Pictured above are members of the Addressograph staff at work under the watchful eye of Blair Jardine, revenue accountant, centre, background. Standing at the left is Mrs. Helen Marston, senior Addressograph clerk. At the right is Cecil W. Hill, printer.



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The "pro-rating" of subscribers' accounts was an important step in the complex process of changing the accounts from the old schedule to the new schedule of rates. Members of the Revenue Accounting Department are pictured here working on some of the 185,000 accounts that had to be changed. The "pro-rata" charges were computed by subtracting the amount of the old rates from the new and applying the difference to the number of days between the subscriber's billing date and June 10, the date the new rates went into effect. In the remote left-hand corner are: Gordon Petherick, senior accounts clerk; Ken Crowter, accounts analysis clerk, and Miss Hope McGirr, toll settlement supervisor.



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Many hours of overtime were put in by members of the Revenue Accounting Department as thousands of accounts were changed over from the old to the new schedule of rates. Following the printing of the work bills, members of the staff wrote in the items of equipment which each subscriber had in use. The employees pictured above are performing various operations in connection with the new bills, such as applying the tax, and checking the results of their work. Standing by the pillar is Miss Peggy Love, training supervisor. At the rear is J. H. Phillifant, accounts supervisor.



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Another section of the Revenue Accounting Department is pictured above, with the staff hard at work on the new bills which had to be rushed through in order for them to be mailed out in their respective billing periods under the rotation billing scheme. The work was of a complex nature, requiring the utmost in concentration on the part of the staff. M. G. Butler, chief accounts supervisor, left, and James Ross, reports supervisor, right, are seen in the background, right. At the left are Miss Mary Kerr, assistant senior control clerk, and Miss Caroline Reid, senior control clerk.



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To many employees the decision of the Board of Transport Commissioners approving the new schedule of telephone rates was the climax to months of hard work. To others it was the signal to begin the job of putting into effect the rates allowed by the ruling. First, it was necessary to draw up a new tariff in accordance with the board's decision. E. R. Boyce, rate supervisor, assisted by D. C. Watt and J. R. Peacock, with a staff of competent young ladies, accomplished this important task. Pictured here with Mr. Boyce, who is displaying a copy of the new tariff, are: Miss Virginia Maydanyk, Miss Margaret Follis, Miss Ila McLaren, Mr. Watt, Miss Ruth Talbot (now of Public Relations) and Mr. Peacock.



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Commercial Department employees in Vancouver, Victoria, New Westminster, Kamloops and Nelson played equally important parts in the extra work necessitated by the new rate schedule. Commercial personnel filled in new charges for each type of equipment listed on the work bills and re-rated the thousands of contract cards held in five centres of that department. Pictured above are members of the commercial staff at Vancouver engaged in the task of re-rating the contract cards. Standing at the left is Eric Mallett who acted as co-ordinator between the Commercial Department and the Revenue Accounting Department. R. M. Smith, supervisor of commercial methods, is standing in the centre background, while at the far right are Mrs. P. Sanderson, standing, and J. C. Heelas, manager of commercial unit No. 3, seated.



—Upper photos by Stride Studio

—Lower photos by Fort-Macphail

The four district commercial offices swung into action when word came through approving the new schedule of rates for the Company. Night-time activity in the Victoria and New Westminster commercial offices is shown here. The upper left-hand picture shows a section of the New Westminster commercial office, with S. Gore Connell, commercial office manager, standing at the left, and E. J. Case, district sales manager, standing in the background. At upper right are Miss Winifred Greenal, stenographer, and Miss Dorothy Culley, collections clerk. Scenes in the Victoria office appear below. The close-up shows Miss D. Herdman, left, and Mrs. I. Morrison. Pictured at the right is a general view of the Victoria commercial office. Don Tyson, collections supervisor, is shown standing in the foreground. The two men in the left background are J. A. Mackintosh, assistant district commercial manager, sitting, and Lionel Huxtable, district sales manager, standing.



—Photo by Embury's Studio, Kamloops

The work of re-rating contract cards and performing the many other tasks in connection with the new rate schedule kept the district commercial offices as busy as the Vancouver headquarters. Pictures on this page taken at the Kamloops and Nelson commercial offices show some of this work. A section of the Kamloops commercial office is seen above, the four young ladies in the picture taking a moment to look pleasant for the photographer. From left to right are: Miss K. Desmond, Miss M. Shannon, Miss J. Freathy and Miss J. McCallum.



—Photo by Alice Stevenson, Nelson

The Nelson commercial office was the scene of great activity as members of the staff carried out the extra work necessitated by the change in rates in addition to their regular duties. There, again, thousands of contract cards were re-rated and new charges for equipment listed on the work bills. A section of the Nelson commercial office is pictured above. From left to right, are: Mrs. M. Harper, Miss H. Shkwarok, Miss D. Graham, V. R. Warrior, V. C. Owen, district commercial manager, and Miss D. J. Fisher.

Mother's Day Tea at Information



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About 80 mothers and daughters enjoyed the Mother's Day celebration at Vancouver Information on May 10, when the daughters acted as hostesses. Tea was served following a tour of the operating room. (1) Mrs. M. Schmidt and daughter, Miss D. Schmidt. (2) Standing—Miss B. Trembath (guide), Mrs. L. Jacques, Mrs. H. Holdham, Mrs. G. Gibb, Mrs. M. Reid, Mrs. M. Phillips, Mrs. J. A. Merrix, Mrs. M. Esposito (guide) and Miss A. Logan (supervisor); seated—Miss D. McFee, Miss L. Charlesworth, Mrs. E. Shugg, Miss A. Bow, Mrs. I. Andrews and Mrs. T. Trenchard. (3) Four generations: Mrs. J. Wight, mother of Mrs. D. Campbell and daughter of Mrs. M. Knight; Mrs. Knight; Mrs. Campbell (supervisor) and Miss N. Nicol, niece of Mrs. Campbell. (4) Miss M. Phillips and mother, Mrs. M. Phillips. (5) Mrs. D. Anderson and daughter, Miss B. Johnson.

Cable Spinning



—Upper right photo by Dominion Photo Co.

—Others by Jack Lindsay

Placing cable by the spinning method is one of the modern techniques employed in outside telephone plant construction, and the B. C. Telephone Company now places most of its aerial cable this way. The cable is lashed to the "messenger" by a soft steel line, spun in spiral fashion. These pictures show some of this work. Upper left—Lineman Ken McCulloch of Jack McMillan's Vancouver heavy gang removes temporary rings as he rides the messenger ahead of a Type "D" Neale Spinner. Men on the ground are Bill Fitchette, left, and Barney McWhinney with pail. Right—Bob Beattie of Foreman Percy Jinkerson's New Westminster gang riding a Type "B" Neale Spinner. Lower left—Members of Foreman Eddie Edwards' Vancouver gang place and spin cable in the one operation, using a Type "D" spinner. On the pole are Joe McCready and Wallie Ballie. Les Smith, Fred Einarson and Mike McKenna are on the truck, with Mr. Edwards standing in foreground. Man at the right is Don McKenzie. Right—a close-up of the unique equipment arrangement devised by Mr. Edwards' gang to place and spin in the one operation. The tube is a device normally used for pulling in underground cable. The cable being spun is a 400-pair, the biggest ever placed by the Company by this particular method.

New Telephone Rates Now in Effect

IN an interim order, dated May 29, 1950, the Board of Transport Commissioners for Canada approved new rates for the British Columbia Telephone Company, but most of the rates are not as high as those requested by the Company. The new rates went into effect on June 10.

Most of the rates approved were seven per cent less than those sought by the Company.

In its application to the Board on June 29 of last year, the Company requested approval for rates which would give an estimated increase in gross revenue of \$2,261,741 per annum. Following hearings held in Vancouver and Victoria in January of this year, the Board's interim judgment of May 29, 1950, approved rates which will give the Company an estimated increase in gross revenue of \$1,632,455 per annum, which is 72.18 per cent of the increase sought by it.

The new rates represent the first general increase received by the Company since 1921. The Company's application was based on increased costs.

The requested rates which the Board cut were those for exchange rentals (main telephones), private branch exchange-trunks and semi-public pay telephones. The remainder of the rates asked for were approved. Long distance rates were not involved in the application.

Under the new tariff the \$1 charge on overdue accounts has been eliminated, and the surcharge on Monophones and desk telephones has been abolished.

The new schedule is based on a grouping plan which places exchanges in groups according to the number of telephones served by each exchange, with a schedule of rates for each group.

Charges for inter-exchange calls in the Greater Victoria and Greater Vancouver areas have been increased from four to five cents for a five-minute period.

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Changing Rates Proved Record Job

WHEN the Board of Transport Commissioners handed down an interim order on May 29, approving a new schedule of rates for the B. C. Telephone Company, the de-

cision sent hundreds of Company personnel into action on the biggest project of its kind in the history of the organization.

To many employees, the Board's decision was the climax to months of painstaking work. To others, though, it was the signal to plunge into the task of putting into effect the rates allowed by the ruling.

First, it was necessary to draw up a new tariff in accordance with the rates approved by the Transport Commissioners. E. R. Boyce, rate supervisor, assisted by D. C. Watt and J. R. Peacock, along with a staff of competent young ladies, carried out this vital job. This department was formerly under W. S. Pipes, rate engineer, who is now assistant general manager. Mr. Boyce now reports to G. L. Frost, assistant general commercial manager (engineering).

Application of the new tariff to subscribers' accounts was a job for the Revenue Accounting Department, Vancouver, aided by the Commercial Department in Vancouver, Victoria, New Westminster, Kamloops and Nelson. These five Commercial Department offices acted as district centres for their



Miss Louise MacKay, of the Revenue Accounting Department, one of the many young ladies who worked long and hard on the change-over from the old rates to the new, following the Board of Transport Commissioners interim order of May 29.
Photo by Dominion Photo Co.

localities, carrying out the commercial functions in respect to the rate change for all subscribers in their prescribed areas.

The first task of the Revenue Accounting Department involved the printing of "work bills", actual reproductions of the subscribers' old accounts in duplicate. Each work bill contained the accounts of two subscribers, and was used as a reference sheet for compiling the data concerning each account. From these work bills the billing machine operators made up the actual subscribers' bills.

In order to cover the 185,000 subscribers' accounts, it was necessary to print 92,500 work bills. Also, the regular bills had to be printed by the Addressograph machines, so it was necessary to keep both machines in almost continuous operation. To do this, Cecil Hill, printer, and Edgar Smith, machinist, "rigged" one of the Addressographs as a duplicator, i.e., to print the names of two subscribers on the one work bill, thereby saving a good deal of time in changing over from the regular operation of the machines, which usually print the name of one subscriber four times on the one bill. Another innovation worked out by these men was the printing of the work bill stub from a rubber plate.

Following the printing of the work bills, the staff in Revenue Accounting wrote in the list of equipment which each subscriber had in use. The work bills were then passed on to the respective commercial offices in units of approximately 200.

In the commercial offices, the staff filled in the new charges for each type of equipment listed on the work bills, and re-rated the thousands of contract cards held in the Commercial Department.

When this had been done, the units of work bills were returned to the Revenue Accounting Department in Vancouver where the first entries were checked with the approved tariff by a staff under Miss M. E. Love and then passed to another section which "pro-rated" the accounts. These "pro-rata" changes were computed by subtracting the amount of the old rates from the new and applying the difference to the number of days between the "billing date" and June 10, the date the new rates went into effect.

Additional work was required by the change in the inter-exchange rate from 4 to

5 cents. This involved setting up separate totals, a job handled by the Toll Billing Department in addition to its other work on the change-over.

Due to the rotation billing scheme which is based on six billing periods a month for the 185,000 subscribers' accounts, most of the accounts had to be re-rated after regular working hours, requiring the staff to put in many hours of overtime. Some members of the Commercial Department also worked after regular hours in order to keep the work of changing to the new rate schedule flowing smoothly.

B. G. Jardine, revenue accountant, and M. G. Butler, chief accounts supervisor, were in charge of the activities of the Revenue Accounting Department, while Eric Mallett, commercial training supervisor, acted as coordinator between the Commercial Department and the district offices and between the Commercial Department and the Revenue Accounting Department.

The planning of methods and routines for facilitating the actual change-over was carried out by the Commercial and Revenue Accounting Change-of-Rate Committee consisting of C. W. Halford, assistant general commercial manager, chairman; Mr. Jardine; James Crawford, Vancouver commercial manager; Mr. Butler; R. M. Smith, supervisor of commercial methods; Roy B. Murphy, sales supervisor, and Mr. Mallett. Mrs. P. Sanderson of the Commercial Department assisted Mr. Smith in the preparation of work sheets listing the rates for various types of equipment.

Addition Started at Fraser

Work is under way on a \$50,000 addition to the B. C. Telephone Co.'s Fraser telephone building at 755 East Forty-ninth, Vancouver, which will house a new automatic installation to be known as Elgin.

The Elgin portion of the enlarged Fraser building will contain \$375,000 worth of automatic equipment which is expected to go into service in June, 1952. Outside plant facilities are being expanded at a cost of \$200,000.

The telephone company recently completed a \$260,000 building adjacent to the Fairmont exchange office as part of a \$3,000,000 dial installation designed to replace the Fairmont manual service.



At the tenth annual meeting of British Columbia Chapter No. 53, Telephone Pioneers of America. Seen replying to the toast to the American guests, in the photo at the upper left, is Ashley K. White, president of the Charles B. Hopkins Chapter, Seattle. At the upper right are members of the B. C. executive for the ensuing year. From left to right are: Kenneth S. Cowper, secretary-treasurer; Brian Bland, executive member; Miss Maude Eccleston, retiring second vice-president; James Watson, president; G. Karl Haspel, past president; Miss J. Milne, executive member; Miss Agnes Falconer, second vice-president; Jack Adamson, vice-president, and King Cavalsky, executive member. At the lower left, C. B. Diplock, vice-president and general manager, exchanges a few words with Fred Buckle, splicing foreman and oldest employee in point of service. At the lower right, Miss Peggy E. Love, immediate past president, is pictured as she pins the past president's pin on G. Karl Haspel, retiring president. Photos by Jack Lindsay.

Pioneers Have 25 Times Original Membership

THE British Columbia Chapter of the Telephone Pioneers has increased in size from an original membership of 25 persons, to a total of more than 600, in just 10 years.

On July 12, 1940, Chapter No. 53, as the local group is designated in the continent-wide organization of long-service telephone employees, 25 members, including Stirling Ross, the first president, were granted a charter.

Now, ten years later, James Watson, the newly-elected president, heads an association of over 600 active, affiliate and life members.

Mr. Watson, who succeeds G. Karl Haspel, was named president by acclamation at the tenth annual meeting, held at the Hotel Vancouver, May 6. More than 500 members and their guests sat down to dinner preceding the business meeting, with Mr. Haspel in the chair.

Those at the head table included Mr. and Mrs. William Stoneman, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Cantlen, Mr. and Mrs. Orla Moody, Miss Sylvia Bird, Miss Violet Lundstedt and Miss Helen Dickensheet, all of Seattle Chapter No. 30; Mr. and Mrs. A. K. White, Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Anderson, and Miss Edith Swan-

son, all of Tacoma; Ludlow St. J. Haskell, of Montreal; and Miss M. Love, Miss J. Milne, Miss M. Eccleston and Messrs. K. Cavalsky, K. Cowper, J. Adamson, and J. Watson, all of Vancouver, as well as Mr. Haspel.

New officers for the 1950-51 term along with Mr. Watson are as follows: Jack Adamson, first vice-president; Miss Agnes Falconer, second vice-president; and Brian R. Bland, King Cavalsky and Miss Janet Milne, executive committee members. Kenneth Cowper remains as secretary-treasurer, by appointment.

Highlights of the evening's program were the announcement of the names of 73 new members, and the presentation of Life Membership Certificates to 20 Pioneers who have retired from active employment in the telephone industry.

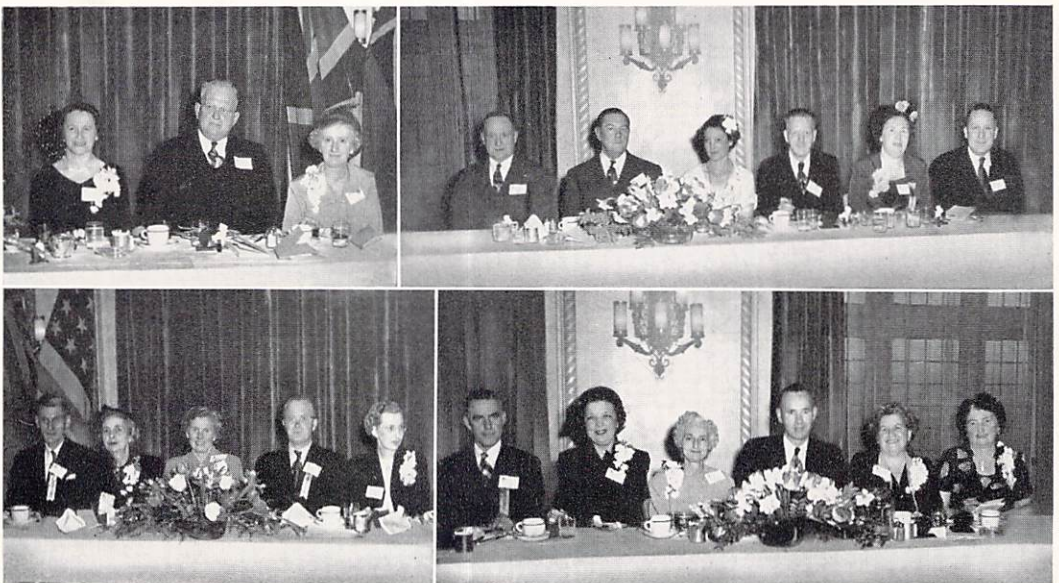
Life Members receiving certificates at the affair were Joseph Garvie, Robert Gibbs, James Hillier, John Lee, George Phillips, Charles Radcliff, Arthur Sill, John Southworth, Arthur Wall, John Veitch, Miss Evelyn Saltmarsh and Mrs. Helen Thomas, all of Vancouver; Edward Ruzicka, of Grand Forks;

Adin Gibson, West Vancouver; Philip Creagh and William Thorne, Nanaimo; Hubert Dobinson, Chemainus; Mrs. F. M. Aitkens, Ganges; Yupert Cornish, Northern Electric Company, Vancouver, and Robert Ley, Okanagan Telephone Company, Vernon.

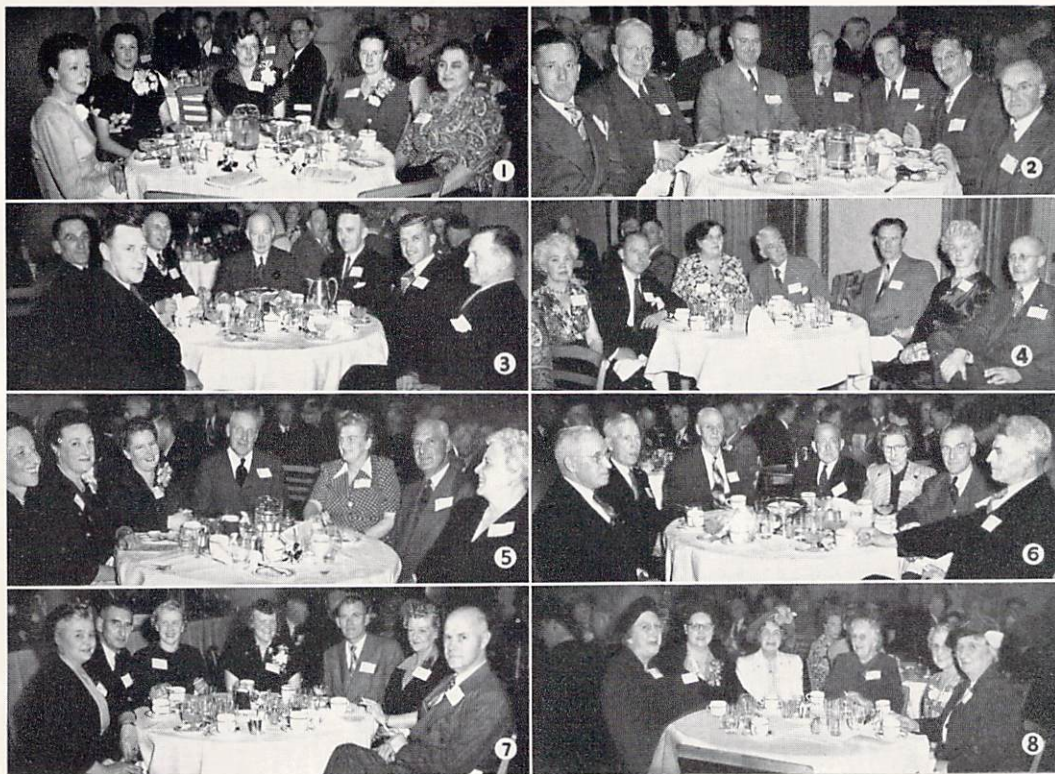
Miss Nan Baker, Garnet Lee and Joseph McKenna, of Vancouver, and Mrs. Elsie Levesque, of Mission, were unable to be present to accept their certificates.

Out-of-town visitors included William North, of New York, and Luzerne Wallsworth who journeyed once more from Richmond, California, to be with his former working companions. There were representatives from Ontario, Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta, as well as the American visitors.

Paul A. Donnelly said grace before dinner, and during the banquet, the following toasts and replies were made: The King—Earl Wintemute; American guests—Jack Hemer, Ashley White; association headquarters—Miss H. L. Montgomery, Ludlow St. J. Haskell. One minute's silence was observed in honor of the Pioneers who had passed away.



Head table guests at the Pioneers' banquet. In the photo at the upper right, left to right, are: Miss Janet Milne; Ashley K. White, Tacoma, and Miss Peggy E. Love. At the upper right, left to right, are: William Stoneman, Seattle; James S. Cantlen, Seattle; Mrs. Orla Moody, Seattle; King Cavalsky; Miss Maude Eccleston, and Orla Moody, Seattle. Pictured at the lower left, left to right, are: Kenneth S. Cowper; Miss Sylvia Bird, Seattle; Mrs. E. M. Anderson, Tacoma; Jack Adamson, and Miss Edith Swanson, Tacoma. At the lower right, beginning at the left, are: James Watson; Miss Helen Dickensheet, Seattle; Mrs. J. S. Cantlen, Seattle; Elmer M. Anderson, Tacoma; Mrs. A. K. White, Tacoma, and Mrs. William Stoneman, Seattle. Photos by Jack Lindsay.



Pioneers at the tables are: (1) Mrs. B. Williams, Mrs. E. Main, Miss C. A. Gillies, Mrs. E. Brunner and Mrs. M. Whiteside. (2) Howard Stenhouse, C. M. Anderson, George Morrow, John Martin, P. A. Donnelly, W. M. McKenzie and Yupert Cornish. (3) James Crawford, John Mackintosh, Victor Owen, J. McNiece, H. Crerar, R. W. J. Angus and C. W. Halford. (4) Miss Phyllis Elsted, Terrance Smith, Miss M. Wilks, George Baxter, Al. Hunter, Miss Alice Elsted and Martin Conroy. (5) Miss Jean Davidson, Mrs. Anne Ensor, Miss Jessie Davidson, C. W. Mellish, Miss Caroline Reid, Gordon Farrell (president of the Company), and Mrs. Olga Kerr. (6) Jack Southworth, E. P. Doolan, O. Hanson, Frank Soper, Miss Winnie Bell, James Hillier and A. M. Acheson. (7) Miss Mary Rushbury, R. Lindsay, Miss C. McIntosh, Miss Mona Bruce, Ray Somers, Mrs. M. Doggett and R. D. Bell. (8) Miss Margaret Moncrieff, Miss Margaret Smith, Miss E. Saltmarsh, Miss B. M. Jones, Miss Louise Tremaine and Miss Molly Duncan. Photos by Jack Lindsay.

New Business Office at Abbotsford

IN order to make room for lengthening of the existing switchboard in the telephone exchange building on Gladys Avenue, the B. C. Telephone Company has opened a separate business office in Abbotsford.

The new business quarters are in the former Provincial Government Social Service Department premises in the Haddrell Block on Essendene Street.

Miss Emily Macdonald, who previously held the dual positions of chief operator and local representative, now devotes her attention entirely to the duties of chief operator, and a new local representative, Miss Beryl E. Johnston, serves the public at the new business office.

Telephone Staff Commended

THE following is an excerpt from an editorial regarding storm conditions in the Fraser Valley, which appeared in the January 25, 1950 issue of the *Fraser Valley Record*, Mission, under the heading "Well Deserved Appreciation":

"Too much credit cannot be given the maintenance crews of our electric light and telephone companies. Under conditions few of us would care to have braved they have restored service quickly time and again.

". . . To list all who have contributed, with admirable sense of duty and responsibility, from newsboy and mail courier who have bucked the drifts and icy blasts, to telephone



At the Pioneers' banquet. (1) J. Smythe, Dan McRae, Eli Mercer, Don McPherson, Joe Bourget, O. Peers and Miss Clara Trotter and Miss Connie Norris. (3) Life members about to receive their certificates are: George H. P. Williams, Miss Edith Parsell, Joe Garvie and Arthur Sill. (5) Ludlow St. J. Haskell, association vice-president of Jean Davidson, latest member to join the Pioneers prior to the meeting. (7) Jack Southworth, life member, and of Vernon, resident-director of the Okanagan Telephone Company. (10) Jack C. Hemer, flanked on the left by their certificates are these new life members. From left to right are: Miss E. Saltmarsh, Yupert Cornish, J. Gar Jack Veitch and Mrs. Helen Thomas. (13) Mrs. Bessie Bruce (back to camera), W. Whitehead, Albert Miller, L. W. Lindsay, Miss J. Kerr, Cyril Smith, Walter Green, S. Thomas and Miss Mary Kerr (in foreground). (15)

exchange girls who have coped with heavy volume under adverse conditions, truck drivers and railway crews, would be impossible, but we have heard little or no criticism and much admiration of the efforts of all in these categories. It is a privilege to place on record the general appreciation accorded them."

No More Langara Numbers

VANCOUVER'S Langara telephone exchange went out of existence this summer when the remaining Langara subscribers were switched over to service in other central offices.

This was completed with the July, 1950, issue of the Vancouver telephone directory, which contains no Langara telephone numbers.

As part of its metropolitan development plan, the Company had been gradually re-

ducing the number of Langara subscribers with a view to eliminating the central office altogether.

The last of the existing Langara telephones were switched at midnight, July 1, but the switchboard at Marpole continues in operation in order to serve Richmond subscribers until the new Richmond automatic exchange is built on Lulu Island.

Radio Operators Receive Praise

RADIO operators were praised recently for the highly efficient and courteous manner in which they handled calls placed by the Monarch Towing Company, New Westminster, in connection with the sinking of the tugboat *Gill-spray*. Mr. Gilley, manager of the company, and Mr. McKay, their dispatcher, both ex-



George Procter. (2) Miss Nancy Robertson, Miss E. Abercrombie, Miss Caroline Trotter, Miss Doris Lawson, Phillips, Ed. Ruzicka, Mrs. F. M. Aitkens and Phil Creagh. (4) Miss Jean Fitzpatrick, Miss Rita Rodgers, R. F. Section One (Canada), addresses the meeting. (6) G. Karl Haspel, president, presents a corsage to Miss James Hillier, a past president. (8) Robert Smith, retired construction foreman, Nelson. (9) Robert W. Ley, J. Sutherland and on the right by A. Creech, proposes a toast to the American guests. (11) Lined up to receive vie, Jack Lee, Robert Ley and Arthur Sill. (12) More life members: Robert Gibbs, Arthur Wall, William Thorne, Gerne Wallsworth, of Richmond, California; Robert Gibbs, Miss Elsie Forman and Mrs. B. Hazlett. (14) Ed. Snead, George Pittendrigh, Miss Ann Lyon and James Watson, newly-elected president of B. C. Chapter No. 53.

pressed their appreciation for the service rendered. Mrs. H. Ward, supervisor, and Miss A. Walker, operator, handled these calls.

New Pioneer Appointment for Miss M. E. Love

MISS MARGARET E. (PEGGY) LOVE, training supervisor in Revenue Accounting, Vancouver, is the first Western Canadian to be chosen association vice-president for Canada, Telephone Pioneers of America. Miss Love succeeds Ludlow St. John Haskell of Montreal.

Miss Love is a past president of the B. C. Chapter No. 53, having served in that office for the 1948-49 term.

Her new duties will be to supervise the activities of the seven Canadian chapters in the continent-wide Pioneers' organization. As a member of the executive committee she will

express the wishes of the Canadian chapters in the overall governing policy of the Association.

She will also be called upon to visit each of the chapters in her jurisdiction at least once a year for the duration of her two-year term.

Miss Love's appointment marks the first time that any Pioneer other than a member of the Montreal chapter has been asked to fulfil the duties of the office.



Miss M. E. Love, newly-appointed association vice-president for Canada, Telephone Pioneers of America. Photo by Hughes Studio.

B. C. Executives Honored at Convention



East meets West at the annual convention of the Telephone Association of Canada held in Victoria from June 4 to 9. Left to right: R. W. J. Angus, district commercial manager of the B.C. Telephone Company at Victoria; J. R. Brown, New Brunswick Telephone Company; A. G. Archibald, Maritime Telegraph and Telephone Company; G. C. Garner, Bell Telephone Company of Canada, Toronto, and J. R. Crawford, Vancouver commercial manager, B. C. Telephone Company. Photo by Bill Halkett, Victoria Daily Times.

TWO B. C. Telephone Company vice-presidents were honored at the twenty-first annual convention of the Telephone Association of Canada at which the company played host this year at the Empress Hotel in Victoria from June 5 to June 9.

James Hamilton, vice-president in charge of operations, was presented with a silver tray, marking his appointment as a life member of the association, and C. B. Diplock, vice-president and general manager, was named vice-president of the association.

The convention this year featured discussions on the plant, engineering and commercial phases of the telephone business and was attended by delegates from seven telephone systems representing nine Canadian provinces.

The Avalon Telephone Company of Newfoundland was unable to send a delegate.

W. R. Jones, B. C. Telephone Company general plant manager, was chairman of the plant committee for the 1950 sessions, while company representatives who presented papers included C. A. Moore, general plant supervisor, on cable spinning; H. F. Urquhart, Vancouver district plant manager, on the cordless test desk, and B. F. Abram, commercial radio representative, on radio-telephone development in B. C. Other company officials participated in the discussions.

A. J. Jack, general traffic manager, was appointed chairman of the 1951 traffic functional committee, while G. L. Frost, assistant general commercial manager (engineering), was appointed to succeed C. W. Halford, assistant general commercial manager, as B. C. representative on the commercial functional committee for 1951. R. J. Mitchell, chief engineer, and Mr. Jones, were appointed to continue as company representatives on the engineering and plant committees, respectively.

The convention was climaxed by the annual banquet at which the featured speaker was Hon. Herbert Anscomb, B. C. minister of finance, who told those present that no country could be prosperous without telephone service and other means of communication. S. R. Muirhead, deputy minister and general manager of Saskatchewan Government Telephones, retiring president of the association, noted that the telephone industry was facing tremendous problems, and expressed confidence that it would solve those problems.

H. G. Black, general manager of the New Brunswick Telephone Company, was named president of the association, succeeding Mr. Muirhead, with Mr. Diplock as vice-president, succeeding Mr. Black. W. P. Montgomery, staff assistant, Bell Telephone Company of Canada at Montreal, retained his position as secretary-treasurer.

Entertainment at the banquet featured a number of talented B. C. Telephone Company employees, including the Misses Pearl Knowles, Pearl McIlwain and Maureen Moseley, all of Hastings, Vancouver; Miss Violet Knowles, of Dexter, Vancouver; Miss Dorothy Hake, of Revenue Accounting, Vancouver; Miss Beth Riddell, elevator operator, Vancouver; Alex McCormick, district repair-

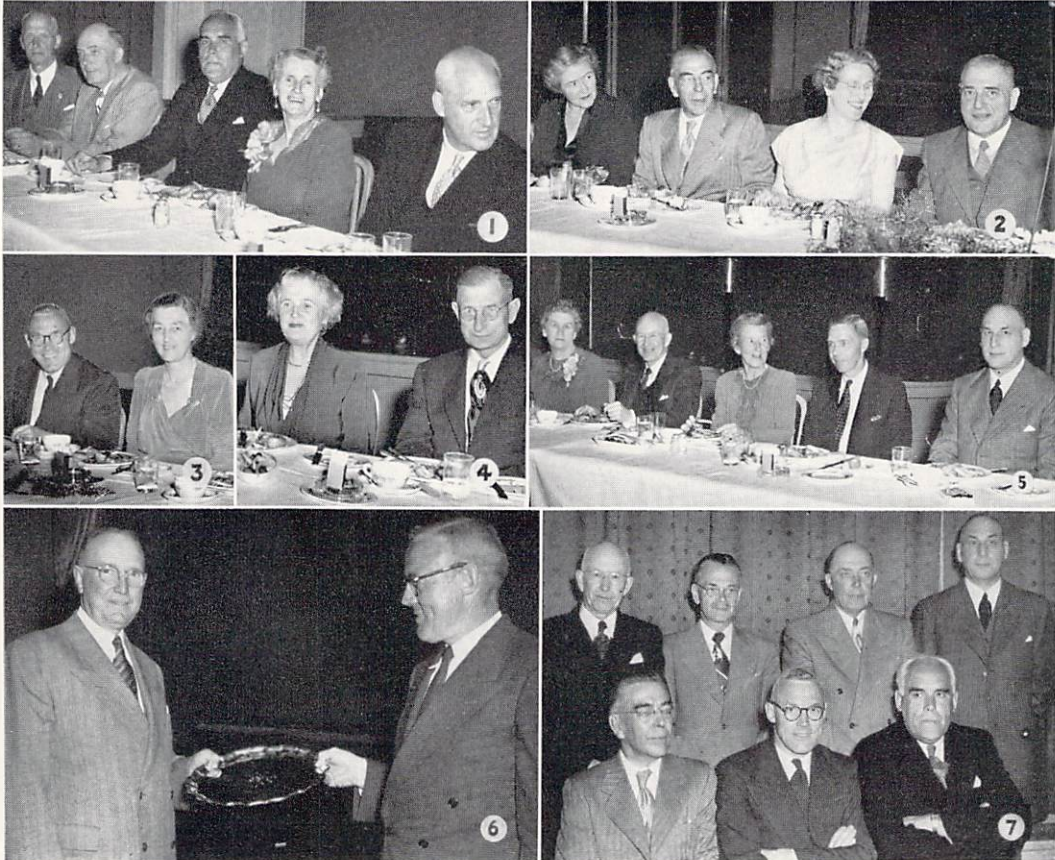
man at Sidney, and Miss Rita Nevard, formerly of the Victoria commercial staff.

W. S. Pipes, B. C. Telephone Company assistant general manager, won the annual "east-west" golf tournament and the McFarlane Trophy, at the Victoria Golf Links.

Miss E. R. Walker, district traffic superintendent at Victoria, who acted as official hostess to wives of the delegates, was presented with a tea and coffee service by Mrs.

S. R. Muirhead on behalf of the visiting ladies, in appreciation of her hospitality. The ladies' program was highlighted by a reception held by Mrs. R. W. J. Angus, wife of the Victoria district commercial manager, at the Angus home.

The B. C. Telephone Company produced a special souvenir pictorial booklet featuring beauty spots in British Columbia, which was distributed among the delegates.



At the Telephone Association of Canada convention in Victoria. Head table guests at the banquet are shown in photos (1) to (5). From left to right they are: (1) W. A. Winfield, president, Maritime Telegraph and Telephone Company; A. Higgins, deputy minister and general manager, Alberta Government Telephones; T. W. Eadie, vice-president, Bell Telephone Company of Canada; Mrs. J. A. Darling, and Gordon Farrell, president, B. C. Telephone Company; (2) Mrs. J. Hamilton; H. G. Black, general manager, New Brunswick Telephone Company; Mrs. S. R. Muirhead, and The Honorable Herbert Anscomb, B. C. minister of finance; (3) S. R. Muirhead (presiding), deputy minister and general manager, Saskatchewan Government Telephones, and Mrs. H. Anscomb; (4) Mrs. Gordon Farrell and Honorable J. A. Darling, minister of telephones, Saskatchewan; and (5) Mrs. A. Higgins; A. M. MacKay, general manager, Maritime Telegraph and Telephone Company; Mrs. W. A. Winfield; R. V. Macaulay, executive vice-president, Bell Telephone Company of Canada, and C. B. Diplock, vice-president and general manager, B. C. Telephone Company. (6) S. R. Muirhead (right), president of the Association, makes a presentation to J. Hamilton upon the occasion of his becoming a life member. (7) Telephone Association officials. From left to right are: Front row, H. G. Black, new president of the Association; S. R. Muirhead, retiring president; and T. W. Eadie, of the executive council; back row, A. M. MacKay, of the executive council; W. P. Montgomery, secretary-treasurer of the Association; A. Higgins, of the executive council, and C. B. Diplock, vice-president of the Association. Photos by Fort-Macphail.



Telephone people of Vancouver and Victoria who entertained at the banquet that featured the recent convention of the Telephone Association of Canada at Victoria. In the upper photo are the Vancouver entertainers. From left to right, they are: Miss Pearl Knowles, Hastings operator; Miss Violet Knowles, Deater supervisor, and Miss Maureen Moseley, Hastings operator, who sang as a trio; Miss Pearl McIlwain, acting supervisor at Hastings, vocal soloist; Miss Dorothy Hake, of the Revenue Accounting Department, who gave a few selections on her saxophone, and Miss Beth Riddell, elevator operator in the William Farrell Building, who rendered some operatic numbers. In the photo at the lower left is Alex McCormick, district repairman at Sidney, who mystified all with his tricks of magic. At lower right is Miss Rita Nevard, formerly of Victoria Commercial, who accompanied Miss Riddell on the piano. Photos by Jack Lindsay, Fort-Macphail and Bill Barrett.

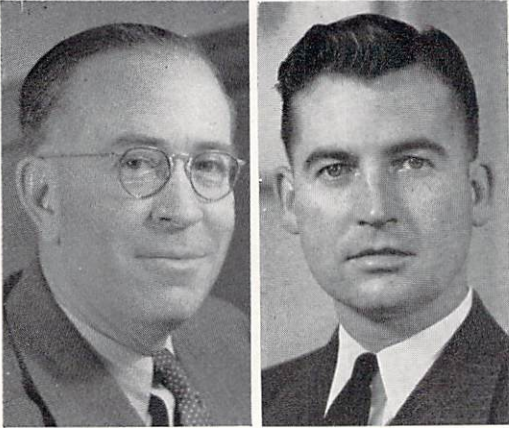
Long Distance Operators Complimented

Two members of the Long Distance staff, Vancouver, received praise on their efficient handling of a call recently. The call was placed from Vancouver to Newark, N. Y., by Mr. Verschoor, the Amsterdam, Holland, representative of Dingwall Coult's Company. Mr. Verschoor was very pleased with the service he received as he had been able to give the operators very little information. He conveyed his gratitude by telephone to Miss M. Eccleston, Long Distance chief operator. Mr. Kyle, of Dingwall Coult's Company, Vancouver, also called to compliment Miss Eccles-

ton on the service. The operators who handled the call were Miss W. Morfitt and Miss C. Atkinson.

General Service Bureau Change

THE General Service Bureau, of which T. M. Sherwood is supervisor, now comes under the jurisdiction of W. S. Pipes, assistant general manager. The move was effective June 1. The General Service Bureau was formerly a part of the Public Relations Department, and embraces the Printing and Stationery Department, of which John Dale is supervisor.



A. A. Sutherland (left) and George Wragg, who have recently been appointed treasury cashier and assistant treasury cashier respectively, of the newly-formed Treasury Department. Photos by Charles West.

A. A. Sutherland Heads Treasury Department

A. A. SUTHERLAND, formerly supervisor of revenue methods, has been promoted to the position of treasury cashier in charge of the newly-formed Treasury Department under H. M. Boyce, vice-president and treasurer. George Wragg, formerly staff assistant to the comptroller, has been appointed assistant treasury cashier.

In announcing the formation of the new department, Mr. Boyce noted that the business of the Company had grown to a point where it was desirable that a definite division be established between Treasury Department and Accounting Department duties.

The Treasury Department is responsible for the custody and disbursement of all Company funds and the custody of records of all receipts and disbursements of the Company's moneys.

New Position Completed at Abbotsford

Work has been completed on the installation of a sixth position of switchboard in the Abbotsford office of the B. C. Telephone Company. Completed two months ahead of schedule, this project marks the second time within a year that the Abbotsford switchboard has been enlarged to serve the increasing number of telephone subscribers there. In August, 1949, the fifth position was completed.

In Memoriam

John C. Miles

JOHN CHRISTOPHER MILES, of 3743 Eton, Burnaby, retired building superintendent for the B. C. Telephone Company, passed away in Vancouver General Hospital, May 25. He was 74 years of age.

Born in England, Mr. Miles came to Vancouver in 1912, and entered the contracting business. His stay in Vancouver was cut short by the First World War, during which he served as a sergeant-major in the Royal Canadian Engineers.

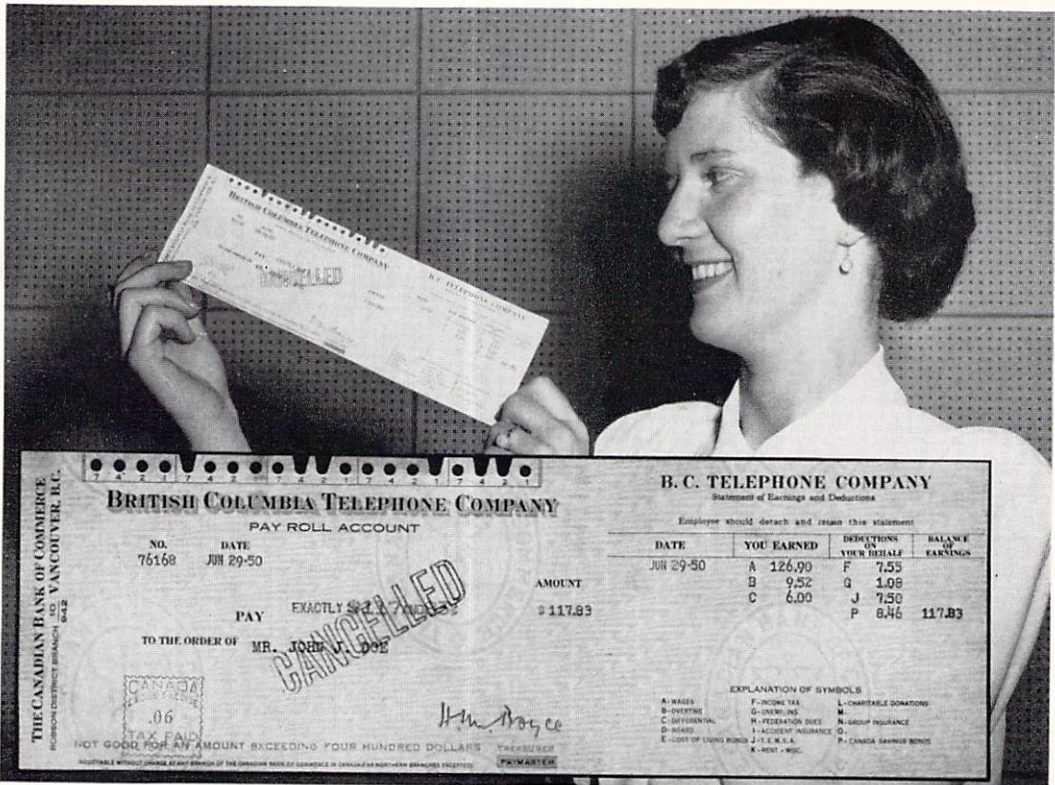
When he returned to Vancouver in 1919, he joined the B. C. Telephone Company, rising to the position of building superintendent in 1938, from which he retired in 1944.

Surviving are two sons: Harold J. and Frederick, both of Vancouver; five daughters, Gladys, Mrs. Dorothy Wood, Mrs. Alice Cranswick, Mrs. Winnifred Newton and Mrs. May James, all of Vancouver. Frederick Miles is a member of the repair shop staff.

Funeral services were held in Mount Pleasant Chapel May 29, Rev. William Deans reading the service. Burial was in Forest Lawn Memorial Park.



John C. Miles



Miss Marjorie Murphy, of the Payroll Department, holds one of the new-type cheques now being issued to employees. The inset is a close-up of the new cheque. Notice the numbers added below the punched out portions at the top edge of the cheque. Also, the list of deductions has been simplified. The signature of H. M. Boyce, vice-president and treasurer, replaces that of W. S. Thomas, paymaster. Photo by Jack Lindsay.

Your Pay Cheque Has a "New Look"

By W. S. THOMAS, Paymaster

YOUR pay cheque has recently undergone a few changes in appearance—or had you noticed?

The series of tiny holes which are used for "notching in" the serial numbers have been moved to the top of the cheque and the coding numbers 7. 4. 2. 1. have been added.

You may be interested to learn that since the introduction of the notched payroll cheques, the time spent in re-sorting, upon their return from the bank, has been reduced to a fraction of that previously required.

Coincident with the establishment of the Treasury Department, our Treasurer, Mr. H. M. Boyce, is now the sole signing authority for payroll disbursements and the word "Treasurer" has been over-printed on the supply of cheques now on hand.

Certain other minor changes have been made in the body of the cheque and on the stub.

In closing, just a word on behalf of the Treasury Department which has taken over the job of reconciling the payroll account with the bank.

It will assist the Treasury people immensely if you always cash your pay cheque promptly. You see, each outstanding cheque must be specially accounted for and carried forward on their records from pay day to pay day. This, in itself, entails a considerable amount of extra work and throws an additional load on those responsible for the balancing of the payroll account.

Then, also, by speedy encashment of your cheque, you avoid the risk of loss, destruction or misplacement of it, with its consequent inconvenience and embarrassment.



Adin Gibson, above left, retired West Vancouver combination man, was honored at a tea in the West lounge. In the photo at right, Mr. Gibson is shown receiving a wrist watch as a parting gift from the staff. Miss Matthews, chief operator (left), made presentation. Photos by Jack Lindsay.

Adin Gibson Retires

FROM a telephone office in West Vancouver to an auto camp near Nanaimo is quite a change, but Adin (Gibby) Gibson has managed the move quite successfully. Gibby retired from the position of combination man at West on June 1. He had been in that position since 1925. He now operates an auto court a few miles north of Nanaimo on Vancouver Island.

Mr. Gibson was born in the state of Nebraska, but moved to the west coast and the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company four years prior to coming to Canada on February 22, 1911.

On the very day of his arrival in B. C. he started work in Vancouver's Seymour office. After five years in the city, he moved to Grand Forks as local plant manager. In 1917, Vancouver recalled him and held him until 1925, when West Vancouver's "Gold Coast" beckoned.

Prior to his retirement, Mr. Gibson was presented with a wrist watch as a gift from the staff. Present at the tea, held in the newly-decorated lounge at West, were five ladies who have served as chief operators of the West Vancouver office. They were: Mrs. H. M. Allwork, district traffic chief; Mrs. Berrin, the former Miss Mildred Summer-ville; Mrs. Adin Gibson, formerly Miss Mary Carmichael; Mrs. Hodson, the former Miss M. Barnott, and the present chief operator, Miss H. Matthews, who made the presentation to Mr. Gibson.

Mrs. Ruth Thompson, the former Miss Hill, a previous member of the West operating staff, travelled from Spokane, Washington, in order to attend this affair.

More than 60 guests were present at the tea.

Bob Gibbs Says Good-bye

TRUCKS, cars, floats and horses—truly an odd collection for one man to drive in or on, but Bob Gibbs, recently-retired Plant Department employee,

Vancouver, has handled them all.

He started out with steeplechase horses in his native England, where he was born just outside London. When he moved to Winnipeg just after the turn of the century, he continued his earlier work of breaking horses. In 1909, he moved to Victoria, where he took a position as chauffeur for a mining company. It was in Victoria, too, that he married the lady who has been Mrs. Gibbs for more than 40 years.

After seven years in Victoria, Bob Gibbs moved back to Winnipeg, but the West Coast exerted too great a pull, so he returned in 1918 to Vancouver, where he joined the B. C. Telephone Company. Since his arrival on the Company scene he has driven all types of vehicles.

As for the above-mentioned floats, Robert Gibbs has driven all but two of the Telephone entries in various Vancouver parades. Mr. Gibbs has three children, two daughters and one son, the latter a line and station installer with the Plant Department, Vancouver.



Robert Gibbs, who retired recently from the Plant Department, Vancouver. Photo by Jack Lindsay.

Joseph McKenna Retires



Joseph McKenna, recently retired member of the Construction Department, Vancouver. Photo by Jack Lindsay.

WHEN Joseph McKenna's parents christened him, they must have made a mistake, because ever since the Vancouver construction man can remember, he has been called "Mike".

There's no apparent reason for it, other than that Mike is Irish, a fact which might explain his precipitous entry into the World War of 1914-18.

After war started, his regiment, the Royal Enniskellen Fusiliers, went to France. In September of the same year, Mike was wounded in action and taken prisoner, and he remained a prisoner until the end of the war.

Subsequently, he was released by the Germans, and discharged from the army. He returned to Vancouver, where he had spent the four years immediately prior to the war, and in 1919, he joined the B. C. Telephone Company. As a member of the Plant Department he spent 24 of his 31 years of service as a member of Andy Peterson's heavy gang, but more recently, and up until his retirement in May, he had been with Foreman Eddie Edwards' gang.

Island Pioneer Retires

ALTHOUGH tourists from all over the world look upon Qualicum Beach as a beautiful resort in which to spend their leisure time, Frank C. Morgan, recently-retired district repairman for Qualicum and Parksville, has spent the past 21 years there.

Mr. Morgan joined the B. C. Telephone Company on March 1, 1922, as an apprentice lineman in his native city of Nanaimo. Having been badly gassed in the First World War, he was told by his doctors to get an outside job. He gave up his accounting career and started in telephony. Once over the shock of having a heavy job in place of one "pushing a pen", he says that he has enjoyed telephone work immensely. "It gave me my

health back, didn't it?" is Mr. Morgan's answer to queries about liking his job.

After seven years in and around Nanaimo, Frank Morgan moved to Qualicum, but worked out of Parksville as district repairman for the two Island offices.

Now retired, he intends to work on his house and grounds in Qualicum, and keep up his active interest in the affairs of the community through his affiliation with the Rotary club.

On the occasion of his retirement, Mr. Morgan was feted at an after-five party at the home of the Parksville local representative, Miss E. B. Smithers. The hostess presented Mr. Morgan with a pen and pencil set on behalf of the operating and plant staffs. Earlier, in Nanaimo, Frank was presented with a combination clock-radio from the Plant Department staff there. John Hough, of Courtenay, made the presentation. Also present were W. R. Jones, general plant manager, Vancouver, and approximately 65 Vancouver Island telephone men.



Frank Morgan, district repairman for Parksville and Qualicum, who has retired after 28 years' service. Photo by Van Isle, Qualicum.

Pointed Wisdom

AN American had an invitation to a private shoot. Addressing the old game-keeper, he said: "I'm one of the crack shots in this country. Tomorrow you will be loading for me, and for every bird I miss I'll give you a quarter."

The following evening the game-keeper met a friend and told him the story.

"If I had had another blank cartridge," he said, "I'd have made an even \$5."

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"REMEMBER, children, when I was a boy I often went to bed hungry, and seldom had a square meal."

"Well, father," replied Willie, "that shows how much better off you are since you've known us."

In Our Sports World

Vancouver Bowlers Wind-up

MEMBERS of the Vancouver Mixed Bowling League wound up another successful season with their annual banquet and prize presentation at the Pacific Athletic Club, April 21. Following dinner, members of the winning team, the "Circuits", were presented with trophies and a cash prize by Fred Tremblay, repair shop foreman. The individual scoring champions were

given their awards by the editor of TELEPHONE TALK.

The Circuits, composed of Miss Olive Dobson, Mrs. Mary Newell, George Begg, Jim Crossan and captained by King Cavalsky, beat out the Monos and the Signals, captained by Miss Lois Armstrong and Karl Haspel, respectively.

Members of the Monos were Miss May Hickey, Jack Logan, Vic Adams and Garnet



Vancouver bowlers. (1) Left to right: Miss Pat Farina (ladies' high average), Miss Marguerite McLean (ladies' high single), and Mrs. G. Evans (ladies' high three). (2) The "Circuits", winners of the first half and the post-season playoff. From left to right: King Cavalsky (captain), Miss Olive Dobson, Jim Crossan, Mrs. Mary Newell and George Begg. (3) Left to right: Fred Perkins (men's high average), King Cavalsky (men's high single) and Jim Pratt (men's high three). (4) King Cavalsky receives his individual cup from Fred Tremblay, repair shop foreman. Miss Kay Ellick, league president, is seated in front. (5) Incoming and outgoing executive of the Vancouver mixed bowling league. Front row: Miss Lorraine Kissack, secretary-treasurer, 1949-50; Miss Kay Ellick, president, 1949-50, and Miss Evelyn Torfason, secretary-treasurer, 1950-51. Back row: James Ross, vice-president, 1950-51; George Begg, vice-president, 1949-50, and Fred Perkins, president, 1950-51. (6) Building Service bowlers. Front row, left to right: Mel Gray (high average), an organizer of league; Dunc. Corrins, also an organizer of league, and Jack Burton (high single), treasurer. At the back is the winning team. Left to right: George Hughes, George Chapman (captain) and Jimmy Crosato, also high three winner. Gordon Morris, another member of the winning team, was absent when this photo was taken. Photo No. 5 by Jack Lindsay, others by Dominion Photo Co.

Lee, along with Miss Armstrong, while Mr. Haspel's third place team-mates were Miss Marguerite McLean, Miss Helen Leatham, Maury Anderson and Pete Satterfield. Since Garnet Lee left for a vacation in England before the play-offs, Archie Nock took his place, and was given a special prize.

Ladies' and men's high averages went to Miss Pat Farina and Fred Perkins, respectively, the former with a mark of 186, and the latter with 214. In the 11 years that Mr. Perkins has bowled in the Telephone Mixed League, he has won at least one prize each year except 1942. He has led the league in averages four times, this being his second consecutive title.

The prize for ladies' high single went to Miss Marg. McLean, by reversion from Miss Farina. The latter bowled a 306 to Miss

McLean's 300, but since Miss Farina had won the high average prize, she relinquished the singles' award.

Men's high singles honors were won by King Cavalsky with 357, while the ladies' high three went to Mrs. G. Evans with 726, and men's high three to Jim Pratt with 832.

Miss Kay Ellick, president for the 1949-50 season, presided at the head table. Also at the head table were Miss Lorraine Kissack and George Begg, secretary-treasurer and vice-president, respectively.

Incoming executives are Fred Perkins, president; Jim Ross, vice-president, and Miss Evelyn Torfason, secretary-treasurer. Committee members for 1950-51 will be Miss Joyce Scales, Mrs. Kay Porter and Mrs. G. Evans, and Messrs. Ernie Crossan, Bob Porter and Mel Gray.



Victoria bowlers. Upper left photo shows the winning team captained by Ken John. They are, from left to right: Alex McCormick, Miss Blanche Crowther, Ken John, Harold Cottingham and Miss Edna Pontious. Upper right shows the winners of the consolation prizes. From left to right, they are: Mrs. Leila Kinsman, Miss Lorna Bird, Ken Waterman and Frank Holmes. Lower left shows the individual winners. Back row: Jake Barker (high spare average); Bob Williams (high single); Earl Wintemute (high average); Art Atkinson (spare high three). Front row, from the left: Miss Lois Weeks (high average); Mrs. Leila Kinsman (high single); Mrs. Rita Lawrence (high three and high spare average). Victoria T. E. S. A. C. executives for the coming year are shown in the photo at lower right. They are: back row, Ken Waterman (treasurer), Frank Holmes, Doug Mawer (vice-president), Martin Hoffmeister and Jack Kinsman; front row, Miss Jo Bellamy, Bob Ostler (president), Miss Agnes Reston (secretary). Photos by Fort-Macphail.



For the second straight year, Ladysmith telephone bowlers entered the Ladysmith commercial league, and for the second year they walked off with top honors. At left, above, Miss Doreen Joyce is shown receiving the high average trophy from Frank Biss, president of the league. The team is pictured at right. From left to right, they are: Miss Gladys Higson, Mrs. Florence DeFrane, Miss Doreen Joyce (captain), Miss Kay Rozzanno and Miss Jean Armond. Photos by Lovick Studios, Nanaimo.

Victoria Bowlers Hold Banquet

THE presentation of cups and prizes was the highlight of the Victoria Telephone Employees' Social and Athletic Club Bowling League banquet held at the Windermere Hotel on April 14.

R. Smyth, district plant chief, Victoria, and Mrs. Smyth were special guests at the affair, Mr. Smyth making the presentations of individual cups to the members of the Relays, top team in the league. These trophies, donated by C. B. Diplock, vice-president and general manager, were received by: Ken John (captain), Alex McCormick, Miss Blanche Crowther, Harold Cottingham and Miss Edna Pontious.

Cash prizes were also awarded by R. Ostler, chairman of the league, to the Jumpers, the Signals and the Sets, the teams placing first, second and third, respectively, in the roll-offs at the end of the season.

Individual honors went to: Miss Lois Weeks (high average), Earl Wintemute (high average), Mrs. Leila Kinsman (high single), Bob Williams (high single), Mrs. Rita Lawrence (high three and high spare average), Norman Byers (high three), and Jake Barker (high spare average).

JUDGE: "Was your friend in the habit of talking to himself when alone?"

Witness: "To tell the truth, your Honor, I never was with him when he was alone."

VANCOUVER T. E. S. A. C. SALMON DERBY

SATURDAY, AUGUST 19, 1950

Entry Fee, 25c Loads of Prizes
Employees and Friends

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The three young ladies pictured above are members of the Port Alberni operating staff. They are, left to right: Miss Patricia Morton, Miss Shirley Anderson and Miss Bette Brevik.

Vancouver and the Mainland

Vancouver Long Distance

RECENT brides in Vancouver Long Distance are Miss Flora Howsam, now Mrs. Prost; Miss Joyce Lehman, now Mrs. May, and Miss Lorraine Johnson, now Mrs. King. All girls have since returned to the office.

Miss Lola Reasheck, now Mrs. Matheson, was presented with a coffee table as a gift from the staff on the occasion of her marriage.

Miss Dorothy Smith, whose marriage took place on June 10, received a set of stemware as a wedding gift from her co-workers. Miss Smith, now Mrs. Braham, has since been transferred to Victoria.

Long Distance operators entertained recently at a shower in honor of Miss Kay Nesbitt, a bride-elect. On behalf of the staff, Miss Evelyn Conway, assistant chief operator, presented the honor guest with a mantel clock.

Miss Kathleen Hatfield has been transferred to Vancouver Long Distance from Ladner, and Miss Vivian McIndoe from Vancouver Long Distance to Kimberley, where she will serve as chief operator.

Congratulations to Mrs. Eunice Templeman on the birth of a daughter, Janice.

Deepest sympathy is extended to Miss Eileen Crabtree on the loss of her father.

Resignations have been received from: Misses Maxine Campbell, Frances Rodgers, Marion Benner, Mona Cresswell, Lorraine Friend, Barbara Towler and Mesdames Mary Stewart and Geraldine Gillespie.



Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Mayes. The bride was formerly Miss Rosemary Davidson, of the Kerrisdale operating staff.



Mr. and Mrs. D. Copeland. Mrs. Copeland is the former Miss Roie Fowler, of Vancouver Information. Photo by Filion.

Revenue Accounting

SUMMER brides from Revenue Accounting include: Misses H. Nicholson, M. McAlpine, W. Hoggarth, E. Anderson, K. Fraser, D. Okell, F. Paddock, B. Leavens, O. Pausche, A. Austin, R. Middlemass, M. Kester, H. Bertrand, M. Moscrop and J. Craig.

Miss T. Slade, Miss P. Lorinsbury, Miss B. Ling and Miss K. Westland have been transferred to the Commercial Department; Miss J. Booth and Miss M. Fraser,

to the Payroll Department; Miss D. Bentley, to the Department of the Assistant General Commercial Manager (Engineering), and Miss L. Kissack, to Plant Clerical.

Miss M. Fawcett, Miss D. Mattson, Miss K. Winbow, Miss P. McBratney and Miss E. Price, who are leaving the city, have also resigned.

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Dial Service, Vancouver

Miss Edith Hodgins and Miss Lorraine Booker were co-hostesses recently at a shower in honor of Miss Edythe Topping. Miss Topping, whose marriage will take place in Japan, was the recipient of luggage as a gift from the staff.

Miss Pauline Gretchen, now Mrs. Whitehead, was presented with flatware from the staff on the occasion of her marriage.

Miss Margaret Lawrie has resigned to be married. Miss Norah Todd, who also recently resigned to be married, is spending her honeymoon at Niagara Falls.

Mrs. Alice Dirks has been transferred to Victoria.

Resignations have also been received from: Mrs. Marie Tomer, Mrs. Dorothy Koralewicz, Mrs. Elizabeth King and Mrs. Lillian Johnsen.

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Telephone Couple Wed

Miss Audrey Crawford, of the Commercial Department, Vancouver, and Lorne K. Dryer, of Traffic Engineering, Vancouver, were united in marriage at a double ring ceremony in St. Giles United Church on May 27. Mrs. S. Nickell was her sister's matron of honor and Miss Marjorie Adams was bridesmaid. Following the reception, Mr. and Mrs. Dryer left for a honeymoon on Vancouver Island.

Members of the Commercial Department entertained at a miscellaneous shower at "The Hollies" on May 18 in honor of Miss Crawford. The staff presentation gift was two



Pictured on the church steps following their wedding are Mr. and Mrs. E. Buchanan. Mrs. Buchanan was formerly Miss Marie La Fleur, of Hastings.



Lorne Dryer, of Traffic Engineering, Vancouver, and his bride, the former Miss Audrey Craxford, Vancouver Commercial. Photo by Allan B. Evers.

shower given by her co-workers in the Information lounge. The staff presentation gift was a pair of blankets.

Miss Betty Hawkins, senior operator, and Miss Roie Fowler, operator, were guests of honor at a joint shower held recently in the lounge. Miss Hawkins received a pair of blankets as a wedding gift from the staff, while Miss Fowler was presented with an automatic toaster.

Miss Fowler's marriage to D. Copeland was an event of February 10. The wedding of Miss Hawkins and D. Pederson took place on February 23.

Miss Marietta Stanley and Mrs. J. A. Murray were co-hostesses at a miscellaneous shower on March 3 in honor of Miss Winnie Woodward. During the serving of refreshments, Mrs. J. Wight, mother of the bride-elect, and Mrs. M. L. Campbell, mother of the prospective groom, poured. Miss Woodward and H. P. Campbell were married on April 5.

Congratulations to Mrs. J. Andrews (*nee* Irene Millard), former supervisor, on the birth of a

Coalport ornaments.

From his co-workers in the Traffic Department, Mr. Dryer received a tri-lite lamp as a wedding gift, the presentation being made by R. S. Argue, general traffic engineer.

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Vancouver Information

Miss Pat McGunigal, supervisor, became the bride of B. Davis, of Victoria, on February 5. Mrs. Davis has since been transferred to the Victoria office. Before her departure, she was

guest of honor at a

daughter, and also to Mrs. K. Legge (*nee* Doreen Carmichael), former desk clerk, on the recent arrival of a baby girl.

Miss Mary Ferguson, who was married on May 1, has since returned to the office as Mrs. Mary Stewart.

Miss Lillian Cross has been transferred to Vancouver Information from Langley.

Resignations have been received from: Misses Marjorie Hayes, Jessie Imlach, Kathleen Wilson and Alice Stewart.

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Fairmont

Misses Helen Ross, Patricia Kruesel, Shirley Hancock, Elizabeth Oleniuk and Jeanne Flesher were among Fairmont's summertime brides.

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Kerrisdale

Miss Rosemary Davidson, whose marriage was an event of April 4, was honor guest at a miscellaneous shower at the home of Miss Ethel Peake.

Miss Catherine Matheson entertained recently at a miscellaneous shower honoring Miss Goldie Kehoe.

Miss M. Logan, Miss E. Peake and Miss M. Coate were co-hostesses recently at a shower in honor of Miss Lois Armstrong.

Misses Iris Moxey, Peggy Doyle, Maxine Fraser and Pauline Fourchalk, who are leaving for England, have resigned.

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On the occasion of her marriage, Miss Dorothy LaLonde, now Mrs. Mantle, was the recipient of a tri-lite lamp as a gift from her co-workers.

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Telephone Dance in Vancouver

THE Commodore Cabaret was the scene of another successful telephone dance on March 31 last. The affair, which was attended by more than 400 couples, was the annual spring dance of the B. C. Telephone Company employees in Vancouver. From the proceeds, \$100 has been turned over to the Queen Alexandra Solarium.

The success of the event was a tribute to the efforts of Mrs. Edith Bitcon, of Langara, general convener, and the following members of her committee: Miss Phyllis Mynors, Alma; Miss Dorothy LaLonde, Dexter; Miss Isabel McKenzie, Fairmont; Miss Bea Cooper, Glenburn; Mrs. Helen Meldrum, Hastings; Mrs. Bobbie Russell, Kerrisdale; Mrs. Mary Pickering, Dial Service; Miss Margaret Crane, Long Distance; Miss Pat Kravac, Revenue Accounting; Miss Doreen Moreton and King Cavalsky, Plant; W. Impett, Commercial; Les Foulkes, Repair Shop; T. Williams, Traffic Engineering, and R. M. Gillespie, General Traffic.



Mrs. Edith Bitcon, of Langara, who convened the last spring dance of B. C. Telephone Company employees in Vancouver. Photo by Woodwards.



Snapped while on holiday at Galiano Lodge, Galiano Island, B. C., is Miss Lexa Fife, Long Distance supervisor, Vancouver. Photo by Hal Denton.

Vancouver Island

Victoria

MISS Norah Perry, who resigned recently to return to her sister in Taft, B. C., was the recipient of a travelling clock as a parting gift from her co-workers. Miss E. R. Walker, district traffic superintendent, made the presentation to Miss Perry, extending best wishes for her future success.



Mr. and Mrs. G. Stenner, who were married in Montevideo, Uruguay, recently. The bride is the former Miss G. Garner, of the Victoria operating staff, and the groom is a member of the Switchboard Installation Department, Vancouver.

chief operator, presented the bride-elect with a walnut coffee table and a set of deer ornaments as a wedding gift.

The marriage of Miss Agnes Isabel Robertson and Ronald Charles Bentley took place at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church. Attending their sister were Mrs. Jack Woolley, as matron of honor, and Miss Ina Robertson, as bridesmaid. Following the reception, which was held in Terry's rose-room, Mr. and Mrs. Bentley left for a honeymoon in Seattle.

On the occasion of her marriage, Miss Joan Lawrence was presented with a pair of Kenwood blankets by Miss M. Burley, chief operator, on behalf of the members of the Traffic Department.

At a double ring ceremony at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Miss Joan Phoebe Lawrence and James Matthew Ball were united in marriage. Mrs. Shirley Mawdsley was the bride's only attendant. Following the reception, Mr. and Mrs. Ball left for a wedding trip up-Island.

Miss Lillian Maddock, a bride-elect, was presented with a pair of Kenwood blankets and a linen tea set by Miss E. R. Walker, district traffic superintendent, on behalf of the members of the Traffic Department.

The wedding of Miss Lillian Maddock and Thomas D. Frankenhof was solemnized in the Church of Our Lord recently. Mrs. W. N. French acted as matron of honor and little Miss Marion French was flower girl. A reception followed at the Olde England Inn.

Members of the Traffic Department entertained at a miscellaneous shower at the home of Miss M. L. Young in honor of Miss Agnes Robertson. On behalf of the staff, Miss M. Burley,

Extending best wishes from the Traffic Department, Miss M. Burley, chief operator, presented a pair of Kenwood blankets to Miss Jenny Batchelor, a June bride-elect.

Miss Jenny Elizabeth Mary Batchelor became the bride of Frank Henry Hewitt at a wedding ceremony at All Saints' Anglican Church. Mrs. D. M. Adair was matron of honor and Miss Meryl Squire and Miss Agnes Maitland were bridesmaids. A reception followed at Acacia Guest House, after which Mr. and Mrs. Hewitt left for a honeymoon on the Mainland.

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Albion

Miss Doreen Rouse, who resigned to go to Australia, was honored at a farewell party at the home of Miss A. M. Williamson, local representative and chief operator, on April 18. The honor guest was the recipient of a compact as a gift from her co-workers. While in Australia Miss Rouse plans to visit Miss G. Greaves, former local representative and chief operator at Albion.



After making the presentations at the wind-up banquet of the Victoria bowlers, Mr. Robert Smyth, district plant manager, Victoria, enjoys a few moments of relaxation. He is pictured above with Mrs. Smyth. Photo by Fort-Macphail.

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Statement of Development, July 1, 1950

British Columbia Telephone Co.	No. of Tels. Jan. 1, 1949	No. of Tels. Jan. 1, 1950	No. of Tels. June 1, 1950	No. of Tels. July 1, 1950
Abbotsford	836	958	987	999
Agassiz	256	273	272	280
Albion	545	599	716	724
Aldergrove	183	233	240	241
Balfour	30	30	33	34
Belmont	643	710	762	774
Bridge River Mines	215	229	241	243
Chase	64	68	74	75
Chemainus	565	602	612	625
Cloverdale (including Newton and White (Rock))	1,380	1,906	2,096	2,116
Cobble Hill	326	337	368	377
Colquitz	929	1,132	1,137	1,140
Courtenay	1,514	1,611	1,649	1,653
Cumberland	419	471	491	496
Duncan	2,001	2,204	2,223	2,238
Ganges	410	441	451	452
Golden	96	114	122	126
Grand Forks	337	361	382	385
Greenwood	70	77	83	83
Haney (including Hammond)	1,138	1,263	1,287	1,285
Hope	258	287	309	317
Invermere	152	173	179	185
Kamloops	2,904	3,153	3,228	3,234
Kaslo	162	173	175	175
Keating	507	528	574	577
Keremeos	124	141	153	155
Ladner	756	855	869	871
Ladysmith	669	688	693	697
Lake Cowichan	282	303	382	385
Langley	1,219	1,371	1,434	1,442
Mayne Island	129	147	151	151
Merritt	297	336	345	345
Nakusp	129	157	164	164
Nanaimo	3,717	4,419	4,802	4,823
Nelson	2,892	3,072	3,111	3,116
New Denver	132	144	155	155
New Westminster	10,151	11,609	12,043	12,071
North Vancouver (including Deep Cove)	5,808	6,527	6,977	7,027
Oliver	499	561	568	566
Parksville (including Qualicum)	574	643	668	677
Port Alberni	3,079	3,374	3,438	3,450
Port Coquitlam	400	448	468	470
Port Moody	363	390	405	399
Princeton	300	344	367	369
Richmond (including Steveston)	1,864	2,143	2,547	2,571
Rock Creek	41	45	45	45
Rossland	849	943	994	994
Sidney	759	842	852	875
Sooke	143	156	169	172
Squamish		60	64	64
Trail	3,656	3,872	4,194	4,190
Vancouver	120,943	129,096	133,305	133,661
Victoria	28,001	30,628	31,562	31,623
West Vancouver (including Whytecliff)	4,063	4,436	4,592	4,598
†Westwood	12	11	13	13
Yale		29	29	29
Toll Stations	646	708	727	742
Totals	208,437	226,431	234,977	235,744
Chilliwack Telephones Ltd.	2,002	2,241	2,361	2,455
Kootenay Telephone Co. Ltd.				
Cranbrook	783	851	888	892
Creston	533	579	579	580
Fernie	337	345	351	353
Kimberley	498	613	711	716
Michel	71	75	75	75
Toll Stations	48	51	43	42
Totals	2,270	2,514	2,647	2,658
North-west Telephone Co.				
Campbell River	339	368	391	396
Ocean Falls	247	277	297	301
Powell River	1,674	1,819	1,897	1,902
Prince George	1,082	1,226	1,269	1,298
Toll Stations	2	2	2	2
Totals	3,344	3,692	3,856	3,899
Mission Telephone Co. Ltd.	682	797	843	863
Totals for above companies	216,735	235,675	244,684	245,619
(Gain from January 1, 1950, to July 1, 1950, 4.2%)				
Connecting systems in B. C.	17,230	19,612	20,055	20,130
Totals including connecting systems	233,965	255,287	264,739	265,749
†Operated from Kamloops.				

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4. Increased our outside plant facilities by 35 per cent;
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